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SUBJ: EC REGULATION 1798/75: CUSTOMS DUTIES ON EDUCATIONAL,
SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATERIALS

REF: STATE 35889, BRUSSELS 425

1. IRISH DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ADVISES US THAT GOI
PUT REGULATION 1798/75 INTO EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 1976. SINCE THE
REGULATION IS ONE AGREED TO IN BRUSSELS, THERE IS NO CHANCE THAT
THE GOI WOULD CONSENT TO RESCIND IT UNLESS OTHER EC PARTNERS DID SO.

2. WE HAVE HAD CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN ESTIMATING THE IMPACT
OF THIS REGULATION ON IRISH/US TRADE. SINCE THE REGULATION IS
NEW, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE IS STILL UNCERTAIN AS
TO WHICH TARIFF CATEGORIES THE REGULATION WILL APPLY. AN
OFFICIAL HAS ADVISED US THAT IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY TAKE A YEAR OR
MORE OF DEALING WITH SPECIFIC CASES TO ASCERTAIN THE REGULATION'S
EFFECT ON TRADE. BASED ON OFFICIAL IRISH TRADE STATISTICS, WE HAVE
ARRIVED AT A ROUGH ESTIMATE THAT APPROXIMATELY \$8.6 MILLION OF
IRISH IMPORTS FROM ALL SOURCES IN 1974 MIGHT HAVE COME WITHIN THE
PURVIEW OF THIS REGULATION AND \$7 MILLION IN JANUARY/OCTOBER,
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QOUT KLATEST PERIOD FOR WHICH TRADE DATA ARE AVAILABLE). WE WOULD

EMPHASIZE THAT THIS IS A VERY CRUDE ESTIMATE INASMUCH AS THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE HAS NOT DRAWN UP SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REGULATION.

3. TRADE CONTACTS WERE UNAWARE OF THE REGULATION, AND WHEN MADE AWARE OF IT SEEMED TO BE GENERALLY UNCONCERNED. IN VIEW OF THE UNCERTAINTIES SURROUNDING THE REGULATION AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO QUANTIFY THE EFFECT ON US/IRISH TRADE, BUT OUR CONCLUSION, AS A RESULT OF OUR VARIOUS CONTACTS, IS THAT THE IMPACT WILL BE MINIMAL. CURLEY

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